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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Nick Chevance
National Park Service – Midwest Region
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Lincoln Home National Historic Site - Final General Management Plan; Springfield, Illinois (CEQ# 20110435)

Dear Mr. Chevance:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed National Park Service's (NPS) Abbreviated Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for proposed management directives for the next 15 to 20 years for the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement identified Alternative 2, "A Retreat from Modern Life in the Heart of the City", as NPS's preferred alternative.

In our August 16, 2010, comment letter, EPA rated the Draft EIS's preferred alternative as **Lack of Objections – LO**. Based on our review of the Final EIS, we maintain our lack of objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Final EIS. Please send a paper copy and an electronic copy of the Record of Decision (ROD) to my attention once it becomes available. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Liz Pelloso, PWS, of my staff at 312-886-7425 or via email at pelloso.elizabeth@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Westlake", is written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth A. Westlake, Chief
NEPA Implementation Section
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